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Friendship---

—They say that friendship knows no geographical limits.

—So far as the officers and directors of this bank are concerned, we know this is true, for the friendly interest manifested towards our friends and customers extends throughout this entire community.

—The bonds of friendship which exist between this institution and its customers make us ever alert to assist, to serve and to accommodate in every way we can.

—A bank account inspires confidence, increases your prestige and helps you to succeed. Protect your funds under the "guaranty fund." Our bank is a "guaranty fund" bank.

Security State Bank

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—Member Federal Reserve System—

—\$60,000.00 Capital—

"Buy It In Decatur"

NEW JACK COUNTY WELL SPUDDED IN

Fifteen hundred people witnessed the spudding in of the A. J. Myers ranch well of the Mitchell Oil Company of Bellaire, Ohio, and Houston & Hunt of Wheeling, West Virginia, Saturday in Jack county. The location is the center of lot thirty-six, block two of Henderson county school land survey, eleven miles southeast of Jackboro, on a well-known and well-defined structure near the line of the Pennsylvania and the cretaceous formations and only a few sections from the Hutson & Jackson well drilled to 2,010 feet some three years ago, and about two miles from the Burke & Cravens well on the W. L. Montgomery farm, drilled to 2,134 feet five years ago in both of which wells some favorable showings were had.

The Houston & Hunt well is contracted for a test of not less than 4,000 feet to the deeper sands now producing in the Williams well sixteen miles southwest of this location. The Ozark Trail Drilling Company of Fort Worth has accepted the contract for the drilling work and has set a new pace in this county for quick work in erecting its rig and spudding in the well. The lease was inspected by the geologists on June 7th, all material assembled and actual drilling started Saturday with a twenty-inch bit.

Messrs. Robbins of Mineral Wells, and Thomas F. Horton of Jackboro, addressed the gathering on the history of oil development in this part of the state and all predicted that Jack county would yet yield oil from the shallow as well as deeper sands and be one of the big producing areas of the North Texas fields.

BURGLARS VISIT BANK--NO ARREST

Yeggmen made an unsuccessful attempt to enter the vault of the First State Bank at Newark either Saturday or Sunday night. The vault door was damaged considerably by an acetylene torch. No money or valuables are missing. The yeggmen left no clue that would lead to their apprehension.

COOPER IS DENIED NEW TRIAL HERE

No Errors In First Trial and Court Refuses Plea of Attorney for Cooper

The motion for a new trial for Bill Cooper, colored, tried and convicted in the district court last week, was denied by Judge McKinney in court Wednesday. The contention of Cooper's attorney, Mr. M. W. Burch, that several errors were made in the trial of the case did not impress the judge and he immediately denied the motion for a new trial. Cooper was convicted for attempting to kill Brooks, a negro preacher of Quakertown, several months ago, and the jury assessed his punishment at two years in the state prison. Cooper is now out on bond, pending an appeal to the state criminal court. The negroes are neighbors, and the evidence in the trial proved that ill feeling had existed between them for some time; that their children had been involved in several fights. Calling Brooks to the fence between the homes of the men, Cooper upbraided Brooks about the children's fights, and, Cooper stated, Brooks made a motion to draw something from his pocket, when Cooper shot, two bullets taking effect in Brooks' body. Brooks denied having made a motion to draw a pistol from his pocket, and he swore that he was not armed when he met Cooper at the fence. No arms were found on Brooks when officers arrived and arrested the men.

Cooper is about forty years of age, and bears the reputation of being an honest and industrious negro. A number of white citizens swore to his good reputation. For several years he has been employed as cook at the Lillard home.

Brooks is an aged negro, and is city scavenger for Decatur. He bears a good reputation among the white citizens. For a number of years he was the stationed preacher at the colored Baptist church in Quakertown.

CAREY WELL HAS TALENT ON EDGE

Piddling Tactics of Drillers creating Suspicion and Operators are Mad

As the Messenger goes to press a report is current on the streets of Decatur that the drillers on the Carey well are fighting a heavy cave. Another report is out that a liner is to be put in the hole. All sorts of rumors are afloat, and it is impossible to learn what is really going on at the well. Guards meet you at the gate, and only workmen on the well are allowed on the premises. A number of Decatur and Bridgeport citizens spent the day near the well Wednesday, they thinking something would "happen." Nothing occurred. Reports came out of Dallas Wednesday that the Carey would be drilled in yesterday, and a number of visitors from the city came up to witness the "performance." Operators and lease-holders in Decatur and Bridgeport state the "piddling" of the drillers in charge looks suspicious and it is said that the owners of the well are growing weary at the delay.

A little more acreage will have to be secured before the statement that the contract for a new Keystone well has been signed. A committee is now working to secure the necessary acreage.

INTEREST AROUND BOWIE OIL CIRCLES

Many visitors are in Bowie these days closely watching the operations of the various companies engaged in drilling for oil and an air of expectancy is becoming more and more pronounced as the work continues.

At the Summerwell a representative of one of the large companies is today looking at the showing and other visitors have been on the ground the greater part of the week. The hole is down 1210 feet, still going thru hard limestone, but with the new rock bit it is making about twenty-five feet a day, and the driller seems very hopeful of reaching an oil showing at around 1400 feet, as the formation gives a reasonable indication.

The Bowie Chief was shut down Monday and Tuesday to let the men spend the fourth of July holiday at their homes, but we understand drilling was resumed Wednesday morning. Gas sand was passed at 1309 feet and the blue gumbo and shale mixed now being passed thru is, so drillers say, an indication of oil showing soon to develop.

No information is at hand as the Blade goes to press as to the progress at the Potter well, being drilled by the Queen's Peak Oil & Gas Company, further than that the hole is down over 800 feet and has passed thru a twenty-five foot strata of coal.

Negotiations are still under way in securing leases for the Lindale proposition.—Bowie Blade.

Quite a number of people from this section attended the picnic at Lone Star last Wednesday.

MARS MAKES VISIT TO MOTHER EARTH

The planet Mars recently was only about forty-two million miles distant from the earth, but it now traveling away and after awhile will be at the other end of her orbit, or some two hundred and thirty-five million miles distant. But Mars will return in 1924, and is so approach to within thirty-seven million miles. Mars is some traveler, according to Astronomer James C. Young, and the Martin year is six hundred and eighty-seven days long. Mars has two moons, one about seven miles in diameter, sailing about thirty-seven hundred miles from the planet and revolving around it every seven and one-half hours, rising in the west and traveling toward the east; the other, having a diameter of about six miles, being twelve thousand five hundred miles distant, rising in the east and moving westward and making a revolution about the planet in thirty hours and eighteen minutes. Wonder if Martian scientists have learned as much about the world as our scientists have learned about Mars?

Hiram Smith, for many years a faithful rural route carrier out of Decatur, has been retired on part pay by the postoffice department. Carriers are retired at the age of sixty-five years. Mr. Smith reached that age last week. He has wound up nineteen years of service in Decatur postoffice, fourteen years on route four, and five years on route three. He has proven a capable and efficient servant of the government and the patrons of his routes and the people he has served regret that he can no longer hold his position as carrier.

STUDENTS OF WISE COUNTY AT N. T. N.

The North Texas State Normal College at Denton has just closed the first month's work for the summer term. The enrollment of more than twenty-four hundred students puts this school in a class with the largest summer schools of the country. In addition to that enrollment, in the different departments, more than two hundred children are enrolled in the training school maintained by the college. The faculty and administrative force for the summer consists of one hundred and fifteen teachers and officers.

In this large student body are the following from this county: Alvord: Carl Alexander, P. E. Bibbey, Leslie Brown, Lemuel Leath, Lois Peyton, Barbara Bell Pigg, Susie Raley, Leslie Raley, Sam W. Raley, Ila Mae Stringer, Eula Watson, Claude Wilson, Balsora: May Campbell, Boonsville: Elzy Carson, Albert D. Wimbley, T. M. Wimbley, Boyd, Theodore Davis, Henry Porter, Agness Talley. Bridgeport: Estner Jarnagin, Hattie M. Jarnagin, Bernice F. Kaker, Onie Mae McEntire, Eugenia McEntire, Addie Phillips, Ola Tinney, Lucy White. Chico: R. O. Berry, Ruth Craft, Willie Mae Dickenson, Edna Dickenson, Dallas W. Evans, Thorpe Jean Hinton, Ruth Hinton, Ollie M. King, Pauline Morrow, Mollie Smith, Albert Raymond Thomas, Frank Ward, Ruby Watson, Ruth Watson, Mabel Wilkerson, Homer Ward. Crafton: Ruby K. Higgs. Decatur: Amelia M. Atcheson, Mamie Belew, Iris Collins, Dyora Crowder, Genavieve Derryberry, Reuben Fisher, Gladys Ford, Ollie Hazel Jones, Bannetta Pickett, Electra Pickett, Mary Lee Ran, Lorene St. Clair, Lawrence St. Clair, Velma St. Clair, Leon St. Clair, Bess Starnes, Martha Watson, Leo Wauford. Greenwood: Jewell B. Davis, Byron Lindsey, Eudora Lindsey, Liola Lindsey, Katherine Maxwell. Newark: Anna Borders. Paradise: Lena Coffee, Minnie Coffee, Alice Patterson, Ima Deane Patterson. Park Springs: W. P. Smith. Rhome: Gertrude Horton. Slidell: Beryl Johnson. Sunset: Louise Younger.

MELONS IN ALVORD SECTION COMING IN

The first load of 1922 watermelons was seen in Alvord Saturday. They were raised by D. O. Butler, the merchant-farmer, at Pella, near that city. They were fairly good sized, and sold from twenty-five to fifty cents apiece. The melon crop this year is said to be as large as last, but is a little later. Alvord shipped a hundred and sixty-one cars of melons last year.



—The "boss" knows that the man who is putting money in the bank is not wasting time spending it. He must be on the job, he knows the value of his job and his time—he doesn't lose either. He knows time is money—he wants money.

—When he gets it he puts it in the bank. It is safe there. It helps to have a bank book.

—Have one.

First National Bank

Decatur : : : : Texas.

"Buy It In Decatur"

SCHOOLS PROMISED AID BY GOVERNOR

Relief for the rural schools of the state was the subject of a conference held Monday by about thirty county school superintendents and principals of the county schools with Governor Neff in Austin. After the conference those who attended expressed themselves as being in sympathetic and active co-operation with the ideas expressed by the governor as to the best method for giving final relief to the schools situation, for the coming school year.

Governor Neff assured the delegation that when the legislature convenes next January he will ask the law-makers to appropriate at once a sufficient sum of money to run the schools the coming school year, the usual length of term, such as has been maintained in the state for the last several years. It was made plain by the governor that there was really no occasion for a called session of the legislature, as the legislature that convenes next January in regular session can provide all necessary relief for the maintenance of the public schools for the coming year.

In addition to this, the governor assured the delegation that he was in favor of the next legislature working into the life of Texas a sure, unbroken, progressive, constructive educational program, such a program, as outlined by the governor, not only as to the coming year but for the future, was heartily concurred in by the delegation. Governor Neff explained that it would cost approximately \$100,000 to have a special session of the legislature and that there was no money at this time in the state treasury to be appropriated for any purpose, and that there would be no money in the treasury to be appropriated for any purpose before January of next year and that the legislature that convenes at that time can take care of the school situation.

J. H. Wallace, living a few miles west of Decatur, is very ill, and his condition is serious.

FLOOD AFFECTS 1000 FAMILIES NEAR RIO

More than a thousand families, sixty per cent of whom are Mexican, were affected by the recent flood in the lower Rio Grande valley, according to a survey by J. M. Baker, disaster relief director, of the American Red Cross. Mr. Baker estimated that a further survey of the flood-affected area will show between 1500 and 2000 families in need of relief. Funds for relief work will be supplied by the Red Cross and by subscription among citizens of the valley towns.

BRIDGEPORT TEAM WILL PLAY LOCAL

The Bridgeport baseball team comes here this afternoon for a game with the locals. The game will be called at four o'clock at the college park. The baseball fans are urged to attend the game and encourage the local team.

Bridgeport has defeated every strong team in the county, and during the recent picnic at Bridgeport Decatur went down in defeat before the team. Decatur has endeavored to strengthen her line-up and the calls will put up a stiff fight against the visitors this afternoon.

MILLIGAN BOUGHT INTERESTS AT SPUR

W. C. Milligan has returned from a trip to Spur, where he has bought an interest in a string of gins, leaves soon to take up the work at Spur.

For some time Mr. Milligan has been manager of the Milligan Company here, and he is recognized as one of the most experienced best gin men in this state. He is also an expert mechanist, and plant here is one of the best in the country. He will retain his interest in the Milligan Gin Company and Mrs. Milligan will have the management of the gin this next season.

Messenger regrets to have leave Decatur. He is a valuable citizen, because he is progressive, awake and always alive to the needs of his community. He is a man of sterling character and honorable dealings, and his many friends here wish him well in his new position.

KLAN BELIEVES AMERICANIZATION

The Ku Klux Klan announced a stand for something; they are for one hundred per cent Americanism, for white supremacy, for the right of enforcement of our laws, for a pure home and a protection of our wives and daughters. The committee of Dallas, who are doing a lot of money to oppose anything except that they are doing, is a mighty sorry record to lay before the people and support, just that they oppose one or organization. When the committee stand for something, they rally people, standard, but until they do it is offered to anyone who is inclined to their side of the issue.—Richardson Echo.

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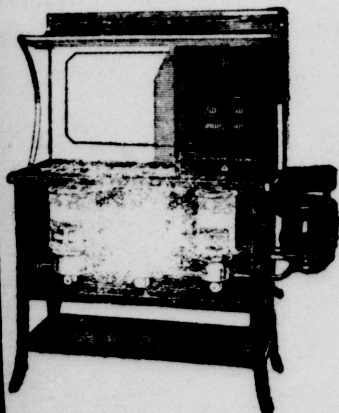
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the first time combines gas-
stove speed with oil-stove
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ladies of the Plum Street
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Call at 44 North Plum street
ect them.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The People's Bank (Unincorporated) at Paradise, Texas.

At Close of Business June 30, 1922.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, per- sonal or collateral.....	\$ 49,448 57
Overdrafts.....	615 52
U. S. bonds.....	9,536 50
Furniture and fixtures.....	2,000 00
Other real estate.....	2,260 00
Due from banks and cash on hand.....	\$ 25,673 38
Expenses paid.....	1,342 96
Total.....	\$ 90,876 03

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 10,000 00
Surplus fund.....	5,000 00
Undivided profits.....	2,363 93
Individual deposits.....	73,512 10
Total.....	\$ 90,876 03

State of Texas, county of Wise.
We, T. B. Peek, as president, and H.
D. Read, as cashier of said bank,
each of us, do solemnly swear that
the above statement is true to the best
of our knowledge and belief.—T. P.
PEEK, President. H. D. READ
Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest: W. H. CE-
SEY, MRS. M. D. CANSLER, L. P.
O'SHIELDS, L. W. CLARK.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 6th day of July, A. D. 1922.—
L. W. CLARK, Notary Public in Wise
County, Texas.

WANTED

WANTED—Good house-keeper; will
pay reasonable wages. Ind. phone.
—MRS. GEO. TYSON. (28)

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if HUNT'S GUARANTEED
SKIN DISEASE REMEDIES
(Hunt's Salve and Soap), fail in
the treatment of itchy, eczema,
Ringworm, Tetter or other itch-
ing skin diseases. Try this
treatment at our risk.



REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF Paradise State Bnkn

at Paradise, Texas.

At Close of Business, June 30, 1922.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, per- sonal or collateral.....	\$ 66,680 19
Overdrafts.....	470 69
Real estate (bk'g house).....	2,500 00
Other real estate.....	6,497 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	850 00
Due from other banks and bankers and cash on hand.....	9,126 68
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund.....	1,131 43
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund.....	3,394 81
Other resources.....	1,275 40
Total.....	\$ 91,926 20

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000 00
Surplus fund.....	300 00
Undivided profits, net.....	1,501 49
Due to banks and bank- ers, subject to check, net.....	5,000 00
Individual deposits, sub- ject to check.....	56,331 99
Time certificates of de- posit.....	3,582 35
Cashier's checks.....	210 1
Total.....	\$ 91,926 20

State of Texas, county of Wise.
We, Guinn Williams, as president,
and W. A. Green, as cashier of said
bank, each of us, do solemnly swear
that the above statement is true to
the best of our knowledge and belief.—
GUINN WILLIAMS, President. W. A.
GREEN, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest: O. L. HART-
SELL, S. S. SPARKS, J. H. GOLAZ,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 11th day of July, A. D. 1922.—
E. E. BUNNELL, Justice of the Peace
and Ex-Officio Notary Public, Wise
County, Texas.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF Chico State Bank

at Chico, Texas.

At Close of Business, June 30, 1922.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, per- sonal or collateral.....	\$ 94,484 70
Loans, real estate.....	333 30
Overdrafts.....	589 17
Bonds and stocks.....	2,500 00
Real estate (bk'g house).....	1,250 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,500 00
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand.....	18,114 55
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund.....	2,337 73
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund.....	4,353 21
Bonds deposited.....	16,250 00
Total.....	\$ 141,712 71

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000 00
Surplus fund.....	11,500 00
Undivided profits, net.....	3,949 43
Individual deposits, sub- ject to check.....	80,377 03
Time certificates of de- posit.....	4,625 00
Cashier's checks.....	11 25
Bonds deposited.....	16,250 00
Total.....	\$ 141,712 71

State of Texas, county of Wise.
We, T. S. McCurdy, as president,
and V. E. Baldridge, as cashier or
said bank, each of us, do solemnly
swear that the above statement is
true to the best of our knowledge and
belief.—T. S. MCCURDY, President.
V. E. BALDRIDGE, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest: B. O. WIL-
KERSON, JNO. J. BLANTON, T. S.
STEPHENS, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 8th day of July, A. D. 1922.—
J. P. LYNCH, Notary Public, Wise
County, Texas.

Charter No. 2940

Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

First National Bank

at Decatur, Texas.

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 30TH, 1922.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, ac- ceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorse- ment of this bank.....	\$ 555,144 91
Total loans.....	555,144 91
Overdrafts, unsecured.....	2,328 83
U. S. Government Securities Owned: Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value).....	50,000 00
Total U. S. government securities.....	50,000 00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.....	4,714 60
Banking house, \$4200.00; furniture and fix- tures, \$3786.00.....	7,986 00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	16,111 35
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks.....	43,296 52
Amount due from state banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (oth- er than included in last two items).....	288 70
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank.....	307 17
Total of last three mentioned items.....	43,892 40
Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city or town of reporting bank.....	110 84
Miscellaneous cash items.....	103 98
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer and due from U. S. treasurer.....	2,500 00
Total.....	\$ 682,892 32

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 100,000 00
Surplus fund.....	30,000 00
Undivided profits.....	\$9,367 52
Reserved for interest and tax- es accrued.....	905 67
Circulating notes outstanding.....	10,273 19
Amount due to national banks.....	10,273 19
Amount due to state banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States and for- eign countries (other than included in last mentioned item).....	40,480 14
5,880 08	
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	527 36
Total of last three mentioned items.....	46,387 58
Demand Deposits (Other Than Bank Deposits) Subject to Reserve (Deposits Payable Within 30 Days): Individual deposits subject to check.....	232,131 99
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed).....	11,592 35
Total of demand deposits (other than bank de- posits) subject to reserve—last two men- tioned items.....	243,724 34
Time Deposits Subject to Reserve (payable af- ter 30 days, or subject to 30 days' or more notice, and postal savings): Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed).....	60,343 15
Total of time deposits subject to reserve—last mentioned item.....	60,343 15
Bills payable (including all obligations repre- senting money borrowed other than redis- counts).....	85,000 00
Notes and bills rediscounted, including accep- tances of other banks and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorse- ment of this bank.....	56,645 45
Liabilities other than those above stated.....	18 61
Total.....	\$ 682,892 32

State of Texas, County of Wise, §§:
I, E. P. Gibson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear
that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.—
E. P. GIBSON, Cashier.
CORRECT—Attest: A. Y. LESLIE, E. H. BAUMGARTNER, J. A.
SIMMONS, Directors
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July, 1922.—R. L.
THOMPSON, Notary Public.

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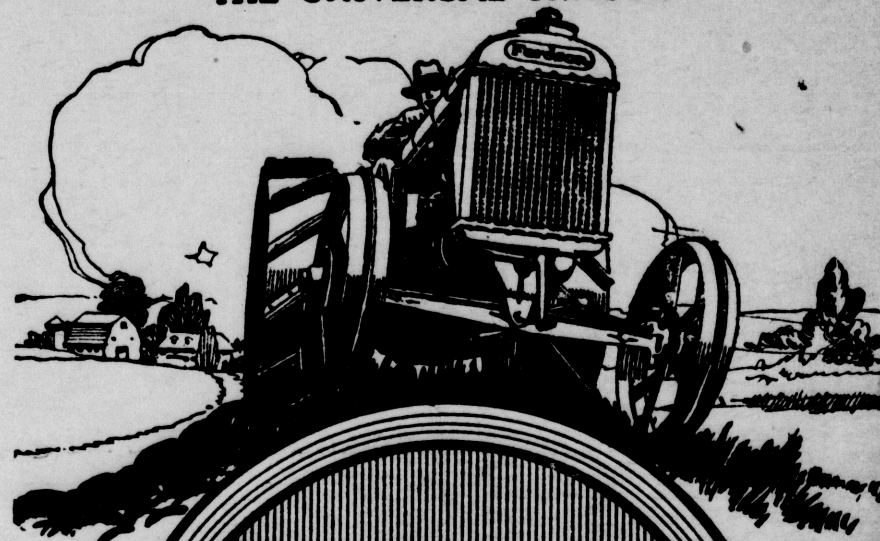
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as you like of our shoe
repairing and you will
find we deliver the
goods. Let us make ox-
fords of your high-top
shoes—a dollar saved is
a dollar made.

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Place your order now—there is no time for delay or
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After that, performance will prove to you, as it has to
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Let us prove it to you. Write, call or phone today.

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Charter No. 10509

Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

First National Bank

at Rhome, Texas.

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 30TH, 1922.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, ac- ceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorse- ment of this bank.....	\$ 109,936 53
Total loans.....	109,936 53
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc. than U. S. government securities.....	1,000 00
Banking house, \$1700.00; furniture and fix- tures, \$1500.00.....	3,200 00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	5,812 41
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks.....	4,731 62
Last mentioned item.....	86 29
Revenue stamps.....	
Total.....	\$ 124,766 85

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000 00
Surplus fund.....	7,000 00
Undivided profits.....	\$250 05
Amount due to national banks.....	4,011 99
Individual deposits subject to check.....	78,504 81
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to reserve.....	78,504 81
Bills payable (including all obligations repre- senting money borrowed other than re- discounts).....	10,000 00
Total.....	\$ 124,766 85

State of Texas, County of Wise, §§:
I, L. R. Douglas, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear
that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.—
L. R. DOUGLAS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of July, 1922.—S. D.
HANDLEY, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest: J. H. ROWAN, Z. B. BOBO, W. W. MORRIS, Di-
rectors.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE, TRADE OR RENT—
100 acres, well-improved, 1 1-2 miles
south of Decatur. Also a fine
dairy farm; 270 acres good black
land; no Johnson grass; well-impro-
ved; two miles southeast of Rhome.
G. W. GRIFFETH

REAL bargains in brand-new pianos
and player pianos; pianos, \$295.00;
player pianos, \$395.00; cash or
terms; fully guaranteed.—ED. H.
BRADY, Manufacturers Agents, 1807
Commerce Street, Dallas, Tex. (30)

ONE fine Jersey milch cow for sale;
fresh.—R. L. PATTON. (28)

LOST

LOST—Goodrich tire on demount-
able rim; 30 x 3 1-2; lost between
Audubon and Decatur; reward for re-
turn to this office or S. D. HANDLEY,
Rhome. (28)

STRAYED—Cream colored Jersey
cow; short rope on horns; left Sat-
urday night. Reward for return to
MRS. C. C. DAVENPORT, Route 3,
Box 100, Alvord, Texas. (28)

LOST—Ladies' gold watch, Elgin
works, closed face; gold chain and
knife attached; lost near Decatur
station or between station and City
Bakery. Reward for return to this
office or A. B. FARRINGTON, Deca-
tur. (28)

LOST—Plain gold watch chain with
Keystone charm. Reward for return
to J. LEE MANN. (28)

EXTRA EXTRA

Decatur Will Have Sensational Event! \$50,000 INVOLVED

Rieger Brothers, Decatur's leading merchants, will place their entire \$50,000 stock of New and Seasonable Merchandise on sale today

The Greatest and Most Sensational Event This City and Trade Territory Has Ever Known Begins FRIDAY, JULY 14, - CLOSSES on JULY 22 RIEGER BROTHERS OFFER YOU THE ONE BIG OPPORTUNITY

—This announcement is going to make history in Decatur's retaildom. It is different from any announcement you have known before. It will make all Decatur and vicinity talk about Rieger Brothers' Great Value-Giving Mid-Summer Clearance Sale. It is not just an excuse to turn merchandise into money. It has not been gone into with only a hasty thought for its preparation—it's an event with us—it will be an event for you. Therefore, this occasion carries with it every force at our command—it has raised every effort we could muster to give a generous public the most in values in every line we carry

—Thus have we made doubly sure that for every dollar you spend here during this sale will get bigger values, higher qualities and greater quantities than in any event of its kind in all your buying experience. We want you in the store Friday, July the 14th—we want you here every day—to see for yourself if we are over-estimating the facts one whit. Figures tell the story. We leave it up to you.

THE GREATEST SALE

SPECIAL NOTE TO THE PEOPLE:

—You are reading of an occasion that will fill people with a buying enthusiasm seldom witnessed. This sale will be of such magnitude that all mankind will be irresistibly drawn as steel to a magnet. The news of this startling under-value selling will travel swifter than the flight of any winged messenger.

**THAT HAS EVER
BEEN HELD
IT THIS CITY!**

PRICES NOT GOOD TO DEALERS.

—Positively no goods will be sold in bulk to dealers. In many instances the prices quoted in this circular are valumes lower than wholesale. The people, not dealers, may enjoy them. But if the money saved entitles us to any consideration, we ask that you remember us with your business even after the sale is over.

Friday

—is the—

**OPENING DATE AND HOUR
STORE WAS CLOSED**

for two days before the opening date for the purpose of arranging stock and making ready to care for the large crowds that will attend this big sale.

**THIS SALE KASH ONLY AND NO
TICKETS MADE AT THESE PRICES!**

**Deakins Sales
& Advertising
Co. In Charge**

**Familiarly Known as the
"Live Wires of the
Southwest."**

WHO THEY ARE

The Deakins Sales & Advertising Company has successfully conducted and supervised special sales for the past eleven years. Their success is the cause of them being employed to manage this sale. In placing our stock in their hands during this sale, we did so knowing that the Deakins Sales & Advertising Company has the reputation of insisting on every article in stock being reduced in price, but they have another reputation—that of selling goods quickly. They also insist on country-wide publicity, honestly presented. We have agreed to their requests and turned our stock over to them during this sale, and a visit to our store will convince you that Deakins has used a sharp-edged knife to cut the prices of our goods. These prices can be had only from us. (Signed)
RIEGER BROTHERS.

Free!

—To the first seventy-five men or women to enter our store on Friday, July 14th, at 9:30 a. m., making a purchase of \$1.00 or more we will give to each a hand-some decorated 10-inch salad bowl absolutely

FREE!

Decatur's Big Dep't Store to Have Big Sale

**BEGINS ON FRIDAY,
JULY 14, CONTINU-
ING TO JULY 22**

**Be Conducted by Deak-
ins Sales & Advertis-
ing Co. of Dallas**

**UNDER THE PERSONAL SUPER-
VISION OF A. G. DEAKINS
HIMSELF.**

**Thousands of People Are Expected
To Attend This Sale.**

Rumors circulated as to the impending tremendous big cut-price sale on the \$50,000.00 stock of Rieger Brothers' Department Store have been confirmed by the firm's positive announcement to that effect. The news has created a stir in business circles, but will undoubtedly be welcomed by the buying public of Decatur and all have a rare opportunity offered them.

This firm has been in the dry goods business in this city for a good many years, this being their first real sale. Their reputation as business men, combined with their present high-class merchandise, has convinced the public of their sincerity and honest dealings.

To accomplish the huge task of reducing their enormous stock in the given length of time, they are bending all efforts, and sparing no expense, to thoroughly advertise this great event. Advertisements have been sent broadcast over this entire section, and enormous crowds are expected to attend this sale. Vast preparations are being made to accommodate the crowds, and scores of extra sales-people have been employed and are now making important changes in each department to properly meet the demands.

The store was closed Wednesday and Thursday, July 12th and 13th, to everyone, and will open promptly at 9:30 a. m. Friday Morning, when this unique mer-antile event will commence.

Not in the history of this city has a sale so tremendous in size as this one been organized, making it of unusual significance to the public, and a glance at the list of attractions offered will convince one that the line in size, as well as in tremendous genuine bargains, has been offered.

Hop the first horse, train, automobile or anything to be at the opening of this occasion.

Shops Circles Being Stirre

**Mercantile Movement
Marvelous Magni-
tude in City**

**One of Largest and Best Depart-
ment Stores in Decatur To Place
Entire Stock on Sale.**

In this issue appears the announcement of the impending stupendous sale of the stock of Rieger Brothers' Department Store.

This gigantic news comes as a great surprise to the buying public at this time when merchandise is at its highest, and the sale will be generously patronized.

Their present stock of high merchandise will vanish like never again in the history of the city. May this occasion arise, and to make their sale more effective they have engaged the service of Deakins Sales & Advertising Company of Dallas, to conduct this stupendous sale. They have the reputation of dealing honestly and squarely with the people. They do not tolerate any false or exaggerated statements. You can go to expecting to find bargains won't be disappointed. Any made during this sale will be fully guaranteed, backed by firm, and if not satisfactory represented, your money will be refunded. Thousands are expected to attend this sale beginning Friday, July 14th, continuing thru Saturday, July 15th.

The store was closed Wednesday and Thursday prior to the sale to give Deakins time to make necessary arrangements to accommodate the masses.

An additional large force of people will be employed on hand to wait upon every customer with accuracy and dispatch. Every article will be marked on tag in plain figures.

No doubt but that this is the greatest mercantile movement ever attempted in this county.

RIEGER BROTHERS

Sale in Charge of Deakins Sales & Advertising Co.—Live Wires of the South

THE WISE COUNTY MESSENGER

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MEMBER TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

MEMBER WORLD PRESS CONGRESS

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any firm, person or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.—Collins & Smith, Publishers.

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Friday Morning, July 14, 1922.



POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Congress, Thirteenth District:
GUINN WILLIAMS
of Decatur.

For State Senator:
R. L. MORRIS

For 43rd Judicial District Clerk:
W. V. CUNNINGHAM.
J. A. (AB) MOORE

For County Representative:
ROY C. COFFEE

For County Judge:
J. H. FOSTER
W. C. SHULTS
SAM M. WARD

For County Clerk:
JIM BELEV
J. W. (JIM) SPENCER
JESSE A. MADDOX
A. C. HOYL

For County Superintendent:
S. D. HANDLY
MRS. EFFIE ATKINS PRICE
B. F. ROE

For County Attorney:
H. E. LOBDELL
JOHN GRAHAM
P. L. GETTYS

For County Sheriff:
W. M. WORKMAN
TOM McCRACKEN
A. V. ISBELL

For County Tax Collector:
PHILIP BAITS
H. B. PEARSON

For County Treasurer:
JOHN HARLAN
BOB CATES
DREW RHINE
GEORGE F. BOYD

For Commissioner, Precincts 1 and 6:
T. L. ST. CLAIR

For Commissioner, Precincts 4 and 5:
J. M. PORTWOOD
R. L. (BOB) ARNOLD
G. Q. (QUINT) WOODY

For Cotton Weigher, Pre's 4 and 5:
JACK BEESON
HASS TATUM

For Justice of Peace, Precinct 1:
T. L. TAYLOR

Sorry, boys, there are not enough facts to go round.

One way to save your face is not stick it into other people's business.

Be shy of "line-ups," sweet voters; politician is in the field, and it is his business to fool you.

One week from tomorrow and the title will be on, and defeated is the first proclaims "enough."

We are witnessing the passing of political aspirations that have been sed and nurtured for years.

Judge Jim Swayne states that many will poll more votes than any of his opponents. You know Judge Jim.

James Ferguson says he is positive he will be in the "run-off" precinct. What of it? What candidate James E. Jefeatz?

The fellow who is always spouting about something he knows nothing about has very little effect in winning public sentiment.

You can be of great benefit to your community by devoting one hundred percent energy in the Decatur Community Improvement Club.

Ch Morris Sheppard and Cullen Evans as Texas senators, brothers-in-law, we would have some family quarrels. There are numerous families quarrels!

Now claimed that Cullen Thom shot his bolt and it now slips. Ousley, Mayfield and Culbertson appear to be the out-standing dates.

American Legion positively refused to open the door to the politicians. There is no room in the grand old building for the political soldier sides.

So much furor among the opponents of Governor Neff, but the chances are that the governor will have the opportunity of serving a second term.

La and Morris don't seem to be in the tariff question. This is what a family row is in the Cullen sits in with Morris in a mate game.

When officers fall down in the enforcement of laws, then a fertile ground is created for some agency to step in and administer the will of law-abiding citizens.

The most promising man in the world is the candidate for office but if he is elected, how many of his promises does he carry out?—Dallas Daily Times-Herald.

Time was when a pair of knickers worn by one of the fairer sex would have stopped traffic in Decatur—but not now. They are 'most as common as skirts these days. Next?

Zounds! Our life-long friend, George Hopkins, ex-senator, of Denton county, has solicited us to enter the senatorial race. It went in, of course, but it wouldn't spread.

Colonel Bob Henry refuses to be eliminated, stating that he will be in the fight until the last ballot is counted. We admire Bob's nerve, but we can't hang a thing on his judgment.

The German mark has fallen to .0018 of a cent. It's a mighty dim mark at that figger, and it looks to us as if it would take a wheelbarrow to carry enough of that sort of money to pay carfare.

The boys who "remembered the Maine" are entitled to, at least, as much consideration at the hands of an appreciative government, as the fellows who drilled over shady spots on college campuses during the world war.

Our memory may be out of joint but, it seems to us that some of the thundering sentences used by a majority of the senatorial candidates were condemned by the gentlemen when uttered a few years ago by Joseph Bailey.

Hearst is out with the statement that he will get the democratic presidential nomination if it takes bales of the long green to land it. Be it remembered that Randolph has chased the nomination before, offering fabulous sums for it.

Ed R. Bentley, candidate for state superintendent, is a native son of Cooke county. He is also the best qualified man in the race. Let Wise county stay with Cooke county's man as Cooke stayed with our Wise county candidate for congress.

On this beautiful rose-tinged morning, as the genial rays of a July sun are dissipating the dew drops from the bustin' buds, and the odor of decaying deposits is wafted upon the bosom of a gentle zephyr from the alleys and open sewers, we wonder why a chicken crosses the road.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Decatur News, says the people of Decatur are "getting off easy" in using the water from the Decatur lake. Is that so? On behalf of these citizens, many of whom are compelled to carry water from wells or cisterns of neighbors, the Messenger tends thanks.

The Messenger is not a Ku Klux Klan organ; neither is it the mouthpiece of any anti-klan order. The pioneer paper is for the full enforcement of the law, and when men who have been commissioned to enforce the law fall down, the people should apply a remedy at the ballot box.

When the citizenship of a county wants the law enforced bad enough to tip the officers to every law violation noticed, then there will be no need for other agencies. But the deplorable facts are that many citizens are inclined to shield those who break the law instead of trying to see the law enforced.

When officers are elected who will not enforce the laws, then respect for the law dies out. When respect for law is at a low ebb, then radical measures are sometimes necessary to correct the conditions. It is the duty of every law-abiding citizen to go to the ballot box on July 22nd and vote for those candidates who will uphold the law to the fullest extent.

Fifteen Wise county banks are this week publishing statements in the county papers. Of the number, the Messenger is publishing eleven. The bankers of Wise county know how to reach the people with their statements. When a better and more widely circulated newspaper is published in Wonderful Wise county, the Messenger editors will publish it.

We object to that fellow selecting officers who believe that 'taint no harm to make and peddle a little liquor to the boys who have been deprived of the privilege of purchasing by Mr. Volstead. He believes that every man should pack a pistol and be a law unto himself. We are skittish of the fellow who wears bulging boots and a suspicious hump in the neighborhood of his hip.

During the special congressional primary election, the town of Henrietta, home of the lamented Lucia Parrish, rolled up a brutal democratic majority for the Decatur candidate for congress. During the campaign cheap-skate politicians endeavored to throw the Henrietta vote to "anybody but Williams." The result beautifully attests the fact that the people in old Clay were wise to the tricks of the paid henchmen.

The reports from Fort Worth and Dallas are to the effect that the Carey well is ready to come in. Strange that the palpitating patriots in these diggin's are looking to the oil operators in the big cities for information concerning a well within hallowing distance of the Captivating Capital of Wonderful Wise. Who is giving the straight dope to Dallas and Panther-town parties, while our sublime subjects are fed-up on disquieting rumors?

It is gratifying to the thousands of friends of the Spencer boys, Charles and French, products of Delightful Decatur, to watch 'em climb the ladder of success. When these boys started on the high road, they were beset by the little, envious and penny-weight politicians. Today French Spencer is the presiding judge of the Texas supreme commission court, and Charles is one of the most successful and prominent legal lights in the state, with offices in Wichita Falls and Dallas. The pee-wee politicians who made war against the Spencer boys are battling for existence in the chicken courts. Such is life under the azure skies of Grand Old Texas!

Met our old friend, Dick McCarty, editor of the Albany News, the other day. The big-hearted Irishman passed thru Decatur on his way to Bowie, on a business trip, and he stopped over long enough in the Delightful Town to say "howdy" and spin a few big ones. This Irishman and the writer fought, bled and died together in the Spanish-American war. We paraded before the admiring throng at Camp Mabry, and we contributed materially to the disorders in Rome on Congress Avenue when the feed was short and the paymaster was over-due. We danced and dreamed at old Fort Clark; we begged the ace to mate with six on the pine tables at Brackettville. We looked on the wine when it was the colors of the rainbow in Dick's at Brownsville, and we paired with seniorities when the moon was bashful above Matamoros. And Dick McCarty did his part nobly; like a good soldier of the flag that has been carried from Concord to Cantigny.

FORTUNATE, INDEED!

The city water is better, we thank you. Mayor Lillard says the filter sand was to be shipped this week. When the filter and chlorinating plant are in working order, there will be no reason for further complaint of bad water. Decatur is getting off easy. When the plant is in working order, complaints will be turned into words of praise, and they should be. What's the value of a few dollars in taxes beside the comforts and conveniences of a first-class sewer and water system and fire protection?—Decatur News.

That settles it. Read it, Decatur citizens, and stop your complaining. True, state and local physicians have stated the water is impure. Disregard the admonitions of these gentlemen, for the Decatur News states "The water is better, thank you," and "Decatur is getting off easy." Of course, as the physicians have warned, typhoid is liable to get a hold in the town, but what does an epidemic of typhoid amount to when we contemplate the convenience and comfort coming when the water is purified according to contract? Who in hell directed the News to publish that rot?

"KWITCHERBELLIAKIN."

A one word sermon on business conditions, "Kwitcherbelliakin," by George W. McDaniels Jr., staff correspondent of the Abilene Reporter. It's indeed a short text, but it covers the whole scope of business failures in the commercial and professional world—social and religious, too. Yes, when a man gets out of gear with the world, he soon develops into the time-worn belly-acher, and he is the load that every community has to carry. He is like a buzzard sitting on a dead tree in the midst of a beautiful forest, the music and laughter of smiling nature means nothing to him. He's the funeral dirge at all the joy schools; wears grave clothes, carries a pocket full of coffin screws—and the associate of grave diggers. God did not make him, but rather he is the product of the devil of darkness; the grass burs along the trail of joy, and spies the devil's horn sticking up in every pot of gladness.

He's the world's supreme joy killer, the magot that spoils ham, the fly in the red gravy the nasty worm that despoils the juicy peach of childhood joys—and we wish that the devil would hurry up and catch every mother's son of them. He's the kill joy of every religious revival, the carrion crow of every community, a carpet tack in the shoe of progress, the scandalmonger of society; financial panics follow in his trail, blighted courts are his stock in trade—he is the manufacturer of the fuel that kindles and feeds the fires of dissension and strife and hatred, and the stink pot of every public meeting, and the broken spoke in every wheel of pleasure—and we are always glad when the devil goes gunning for the dirty biped.—Albany News.

Hsu is out of the presidency at Peking, and Li Yuan-hung is in. Li has once before been president, but like Hsu he is rather a respectable figurehead than a personal force in politics. Wu Pei-fu and Tsao Kun are the effective leaders at Peking. Sun Yat-sen has been asked to insure the unity of China by resigning his office as president of the southern republic. As we write he is debating with himself whether he shall do it. It is generally believed that,

if he does not, the forces between Wu and Tsao Kun are strong enough to unseat him. His former associate, Wu Ting-fang, has consented to act as President Li's premier. Meanwhile Wu Pei-fu and his late adversary, Chang, are reported to have agreed to a truce.

The newspapers recently printed two significant items side by side. One was Lord Northcliffe's remark, made after his return from Germany, that the birth rate in the Rhineland was so great as to be "terrific." The other was a dispatch from Paris saying that in eighteen departments of France the death rate since January 1 had exceeded the birth rate by thirteen per cent. There lies the reason for the desperation of French policy. Aware of its stationary or shrinking population, aware too of the fecundity of the enemy across the border, France lives in continual fear of invasion and submergence; and if the conditions remain what they are now, it is hard to see how France can permanently escape that fate.

HOGWASH ITEMS

By Uncle Snort

While talking to a man over the phone today, Slias Bean got mad and shook his fist in his face.

Grandpa Pelkins swallowed his false teeth last week and now he don't have to chew his food till he has finished his meal.

Jasper Roots met himself out behind the woodshed the other night and after talking the matter over carefully, decided to draw out of the sheriff's race.

Little Fidity Elders, who was accidentally run thru a clothes wringer last week, as reported to be on the mend. The doctor says he will get o. k. only he will always have to sleep on the other side.

Major Popoff, who has served as chief windjammer for the past fifteen years, went down to defeat in the last election and now declares his intention to join the ladies' aid society and declare war on woman's suffrage forever.

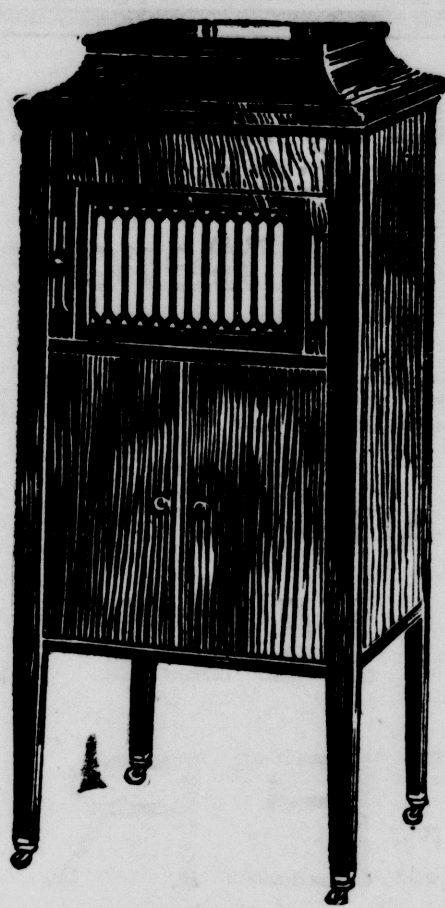
The Widow Spivins who is now starting on her third husband, says she attributes her phenomenal success in life to the fact that both of her previous husbands carried life insurance, and in addition to that had forethought enough to get themselves killed on a railroad, thereby adding considerably to her income. She advises all women who have an extra husband or two that they wish to kill to tie them on the track and let the train kill them—thus mixing pleasure and profit.

Absolutely Free !!

TO ONE OF OUR CUSTOMERS

A Wonderful High-Class Mahogany

DEAN OF ART PHONOGRAPH



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\$100

Come and See

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Display

At Our Store

—Commencing next Saturday, with each cash purchase amounting to fifty cents, we will give one key. We have several hundred keys in a bag—one key in this bag will unlock a lock we have at our store, and the holder of a key given by us that will open the lock will receive the Mahogany Dean of Art Phonograph FREE.

EMPIRE DRUG CO.

'PHONE 25

DECATUR, : : : : TEXAS

If life hands you a lemon, be glad it wasn't a hard-boiled egg without salt.

When it comes to grass widows, the tie that binds may be hay ties.

Is the practice of a police judge fine art?

Love is a disease—but cheer up! Nowadays there is nothing chronic about it.

One quality only— the standard for all Goodrich Tires

Size or price cannot modify the one-quality Goodrich standard. You can buy any Goodrich Tire, Silvertown Cord or the popular 30 x 3½ clincher fabric, and know beyond a doubt that you are getting the same quality always. It is this quality which has made Goodrich Tires unsurpassed for dependability and durability in service, mileage and value.

This principle has put the real meaning in the widely known Goodrich slogan of "best in the long run."

Goodrich Tires

SILVERTOWN
CORDS

Look for this Goodrich Tire sign over your tire dealer's store. It means satisfaction in every transaction.

THE B. F. GOODRICH RUBBER COMPANY
Akron, Ohio

FABRICS TUBES
SILVERTOWN CORDS ACCESSORIES

for sale in Decatur by
THE MERIDIAN GARAGE

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

Security State Bank

at Decatur, Texas.

At Close of Business, June 30, 1922

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$ 112,877 06
Loans, real estate.....	7,306 00
Overdrafts.....	628 47
Bonds and stocks.....	11,050 00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank.....	1,800 00
War Savings Stamps.....	2,820 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	13,335 00
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand.....	15,426 19
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund.....	1,800 00
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund.....	1,980 54

Total.....\$ 169,023 26

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 60,000 00
Undivided profits, net.....	1,178 61
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	62,544 98
Time certificates of deposit.....	22,786 23
Cashier's checks.....	673 24
Bills payable and rediscounts.....	7,970 20
Bonds deposited.....	11,050 00
War Savings Stamps deposited.....	2,820 00

Total.....\$ 169,023 26

State of Texas, county of Wise. We, W. L. Rush, as president, and J. E. Standley, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

—W. L. RUSH, President. J. E. STANDLEY, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest: J. H. ROWAN, T. L. BALL, C. E. BRADFORD, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of July, A. D. 1922.—R. L. THOMPSON, Notary Public, Wise County, Texas.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

First State Bank

at Newark, Texas.

At Close of Business, June 30, 1922.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$ 45,834 22
Overdrafts.....	102 39
Bonds and stocks.....	7,200 00
Real estate (bk'g house).....	1,100 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,347 50
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand.....	9,498 41
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund.....	879 71
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund.....	2,627 23

Total.....\$ 68,589 46

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 10,000 00
Surplus fund.....	10,000 00
Undivided profits, net.....	845 23
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	37,344 23
Time certificates of deposit.....	3,200 00
Bonds deposited.....	7,200 00

Total.....\$ 68,589 46

State of Texas, county of Wise. We, R. A. Hudson, as president, and E. W. Jamison, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

—R. A. HUDSON, President. E. W. JAMISON, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest: M. H. HARMON, W. M. KOONCE, M. W. PEDEN, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of July, A. D. 1922.—G. W. DUKE, Notary Public, Tarrant County, Texas.

As an index of character, the teacher was asking the class one after another what they would most like to do. "And what is your greatest ambition, Jimmie?" she inquired. Jimmie hesitated for a brief moment, considering; then he answered brightly: "I think it is to wash mother's ears."

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

Continental State Bank

at Boyd, Texas.

At Close of Business, June 30, 1922.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$ 76,798 14
Overdrafts.....	12 98
Bonds and stocks.....	28,170 90
Real estate (bk'g house).....	1,750 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,800 00
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand.....	19,455 69
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund.....	2,402 61
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund.....	5,201 33
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness.....	3,000 00

Total.....\$ 138,590 75

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000 00
Surplus fund.....	6,000 00
Undivided profits, net.....	1,671 45
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check, net.....	1,744 78
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	66,306 93
Time certificates of deposit.....	9,116 95
Cashier's checks.....	850 54
Bonds deposited.....	27,900 00

Total.....\$ 138,590 75

State of Texas, county of Wise. We, W. M. Koonce as president, and R. E. Petty, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

—W. M. KOONCE, President. R. E. PETTY, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest: G. A. AP- RINGTON, E. R. WRIGHT, W. P. BOYD, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of July, A. D. 1922.—J. WREN, Notary Public, Wise County, Texas.

GOVERNOR NEFF IS

AGAIN CANDIDATE

Following are some high points in Governor Pat M. Neff's speech recently made at Plainview, as reported in the Galveston Daily News:

"There is no office of honor unless that office be honorably filled."

"If we want to save the tax-payers' money, we can do so by closing the doors of the institutions for the lunatics, the feeble-minded, the orphans, the deaf and dumb and the blind, turning these and all other unfortunates out to 'root hog or die.' But who is there among us who would be willing to do that?"

"I recognize the common school as the foundation of good government; that the perpetuity of our institutions depends upon the education of the masses. I still regret it as the crowning service of my public life if I can inspire and aid legislation that will insure to the youth of Texas educational opportunities and facilities equal to those obtainable anywhere in the world."

"During the past year the entire penitentiary system has been greatly improved. Many leaks have been stopped, inhuman treatment has been abolished, a system of education established and the entire system permeated with the idea of obedience to law and service to humanity."

"Texas streams carry annually into the Gulf of Mexico enough water to completely irrigate 12,000,000 acres of land. Not one bucket of flood water should ever reach the gulf."

"I am for checking Texas from one end to the other with enduring highways."

"Differences between labor and capital should be settled in peace around the council table. Above the employer and employee stands at all times, to be respected and obeyed, the law of the land."

"Our farm products must not rot in the field and our fat beef cattle must have an open drive to the markets of the world."

"The state should establish parks, both large and small, throughout her broad borders."

"If the state is to be respected, her laws must be obeyed. From the hour of my inauguration, I have stood for law and order in Texas."

"When county officers protest against the state sending rangers and officials to a county to enforce the law, the protest is always made for the benefit of the criminals and not the law-abiding people."

"The loose ideas in regard to the prohibition law, and its lax enforcement, are responsible more than any other thing for the crime wave that is sweeping the land."

"Before many pardons are granted, we must create in this state a respect for and an obedience to the law of the land."

JUNIOR ORDER OF

K. K. K. ORGANIZED

Formation of a "Junior Ku Klux Klan" is announced in a letter signed "Imperial Advisory Master" which has been addressed to the press. The organization already is three months old, the announcement states, and includes in its membership boys between the ages of seventeen and twenty, both inclusive.

The purpose of the organization is "to make better citizens of our young men and instill into their characters high ideals of the purity of womanhood and the sanctity of the home," it is declared. It stands for "constituted law and order and the sovereignty of our flag and country." Its members "owe allegiance, first, to God; second, to our country and flag; third, to our homes."

This organization is "first, last and all the time, a one hundred per cent American" body, the announcement reads.—Star-Telegram.

Mrs. Alice King was buried in Krens, Texas Tuesday. Some days ago a mosquito is supposed to have bitten her on the hip causing infection that resulted in her death. She was carried to a Dallas sanitarium for treatment, but the spread of the poison could not be controlled. She leaves a husband.

OAK GROVE NEWS

Mrs. Beatrice Reed is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Pauline Gage is improving from a recent operation.

Relatives of New York are visiting Mrs. Messenger and family.

Mrs. Carl Harder is still with her mother, Mrs. Gage, who is very ill.

Mrs. Tumulty and daughter, Miss Marguerite, are visiting Mrs. Shaw of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Young of Sycamore, were among the visitors at L. Harder's Saturday.

Mrs. R. B. Rucker and children have returned home from a visit in Denton and Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Murphy of Dallas, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foxall Sunday and Sunday.

Mr. W. L. Yarbrough and Mr. E. R. Grube of Denton, and Miss Myrtle Foxall of Decatur, attended services at the church of Christ last Sunday.

Last Sunday morning about nine o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foxall were pleasantly surprised by a crowd coming from Denton. At noon the ladies brought in well-filled baskets and spread lunch on the lawn under the large oak trees. About three o'clock ice cream was served. Those who attended were: Mr and Mrs. J. E. Sharber and daughters, Lelia, Opal and Bobbie; Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hammett, daughters and son, Dimple, Shirley, Elaine and Frank; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Yarbrough; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Broun and son, Billy; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Grube and son, Edward Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sharber; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Arthur and daughters, Opal, Christine and Marylea; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Murphy of Dallas. About six o'clock supper was served and all departed for their homes, after a very enjoyable day.

MAN IS OPERATING

BIG TURKEY RANCH

Glenn Cocanougher, living north of town, is demonstrating the fact that there are other industries besides cotton-raising which will make money. Mr. Cocanougher has for years been interested in the poultry business, making a special study of raising turkeys. He has been reasonably successful with turkey for several years.

This year he started the season with forty-five hens and three gobblers. He hatched off over six hundred turkeys, but lost around a hundred while the birds were small. He is now herding over five hundred turkeys at his farm, and expects to market them next fall.

This gentleman is setting an example which should be followed by others. This country is admirably adapted for poultry-raising, and many of our farmers would do well to follow his lead.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN

BURIED AT DENTON

The unknown white man killed early Tuesday morning near Krum by a southbound Santa Fe freight train was buried Tuesday afternoon about six o'clock at the Denton city cemetery on the orders of the coroner, Justice of the Peace J. G. Boyd, without his identity having been established. The body was interred in the pauper's section of the cemetery with no funeral service and with only the undertaker and assistants present.

The undertaker has received a number of inquiries for descriptions of the man both from people around Denton and from a distance. Calls have been received from Dallas and Hillsboro and a Mr. Moore is en route here from the latter place to attempt further identification of the body, believing it may be his son.

Sheriff Goode Wednesday reiterated his statement that he does not believe there was foul play. He said that in his opinion if the man had been murdered and placed on the tracks the blood would have coagulated only about thirty minutes before. Undertakers say, however, that it depends on individuals as to how long it takes the blood to coagulate and that in some instances it requires several hours. The body was still bleeding when it was found.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

BAPTIST WORKERS'

MEETING MONDAY

Representatives of the Baptist church of Wise county held a very fine workers' meeting at the local Baptist church last Monday. County Missionary G. W. Tyson reported that plans had been made for holding revival meetings in about all the church of the county, and meetings are to be held in several communities where no churches exist. Rev. S. A. Peyton is now in a meeting at Liberty Point, and Bros. Heathington and Doss are in a meeting at Chico. The next workers' meeting will be held in Decatur on Monday following the second Sunday in October.

A special feature of the meeting last Monday was the visit of Rev. R. L. Powell and a group of his workers from Gainesville. Bro. Powell made a stirring address on "Evangelism," and Bros. Koon, Westbrook and Cawker made rousing talks on the responsibilities of the laymen in the churches. It was like being in a great revival meeting to be there. Prospects for the work this summer are good everywhere in the county.

CHICO NEWS

(Review.)

J. M. Fulghum and wife of Ryan, Oklahoma, were in Chico first of the week en route by auto to Louisiana, to be gone some time. They were accompanied by J. F. Baldrige of Hobart, Oklahoma.

Evangelist T. A. Linsey will begin a protracted meeting at the First Presbyterian church known at Green Chapel, two miles north of Chico on Thursday night before the first Sunday in August. Everybody cordially welcome.

Miss Gladys Evans of Fort Worth, came up Wednesday, and after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Evans, will leave on a pleasure trip to Galveston and other cities in the south. She is on a month's vacation.

Perry Sanders, who has lived in Chico several years, was taken to Decatur Monday evening and tried before a jury on a charge of lunacy Tuesday. The jury decided that he was insane and he was committed to jail until he could be taken to an asylum.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jackson came in Tuesday from the coast country on their way back home to Alva, Oklahoma. Mrs. Jackson is a sister to our fellow-townsmen, J. R. Bailey, and they had not seen each other in fifteen years. They left for Oklahoma on the ten o'clock train Tuesday night.

C. G. Varnell, a fireman on a freight engine going north, jumped from the engine he was firing about three miles south of Bridgeport last Wednesday morning while the train was running about twenty-six miles an hour. He became frightened and thought the engine was going to blow up. He was badly injured and was sent back to Fort Worth from Bridgeport.

E. T. Largent, aged sixty, died at his home three miles south of Chico on Saturday, July 1st, after a long illness. The funeral was held from the Baptist church on Sunday, July 2nd. He leaves a wife and twelve children, all of whom were at his bedside. Tom Largent was an old time settler and numbered his good friends by the score, all of whom tender their sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

Eccentricity is sham individuality.

Wise County Reunion

Concession Sale!

PUBLIC AUCTION

—All the usual concessions for this reunion will be sold to the highest bidder on the court house steps on

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

3 p. m.

—All concessions sold exclusive and buyers will be fully protected. Certified check for half the price must accompany bid; balance to be paid on August 2nd.

REUNION COMMITTEE,

J. Lee Mann, Sec'y.

The 32nd Annual REUNION

U. C. V. and Old Settlers

—WILL BE HELD AT—

Joe Wheeler Park

August 2, 3, 4

—Arrangements are being made to have one of the grandest old-time picnics and reunions ever held at beautiful Joe Wheeler Park, and the largest crowds are expected to come and enjoy the fun and frolic. The entertainment committee is bending every effort to secure good, clean amusements for young and old alike.

—Every old soldier of the war between the States in Wise county is invited to come and make merry. Here they will recount the battles of the great war that produced the greatest soldiers of all time. Speakers will entertain the old veterans.

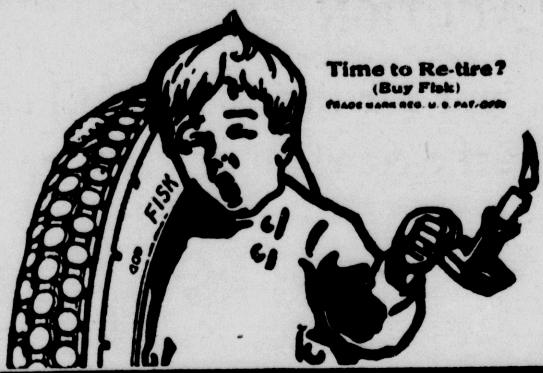
—Old settlers, the men and women who blazed the way for the splendid civilization we are enjoying today, will be there, and old-timers among them will talk of the days in Wise county when conditions tried men's souls!

Beautiful Camping Site : : Plenty of Pure Water

---These Hot Days and 50c Ice in Town---

—Dave Kerr has plenty of 50c ice for everybody. Farmers' trade solicited.

DAVE KERR



A VERY good tire at a very low price. Just another instance of Fisk extra value. As true with the Fisk Premier Tread as with the Fisk Cord—compare with competitive tires and you will find extra size, strength and resiliency in the Fisk. Comparison proves Fisk Quality; it also proves common-sense buying.

There's a Fisk Tire of extra value in every size, for car, truck or speed wagon

30 x 3 1/2
FISK PREMIER TREAD
\$10.85

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Cates of Fort Worth, were here Monday en route to Colorado.

A revival will begin at the Sweetwater Methodist church on the fourth Sunday in July. Pastor Patton will be assisted by Pastor J. W. Slagle of Decatur Methodist church.

Chas. Bingham of Bridgeport drove Tugwell, Bill Covington, Walter Wood Sr. and Holley Renshaw to Fort Worth last week where they have been made special officers to guard the property of the railroad during the strike.

John McClane and family of Bridgeport, had a very narrow escape from serious injury last Tuesday when the car in which they were riding turned over on the Meridian road near Herman. The family was returning from Rhome, and when the car started around a curve near the Denver crossing it turned over, throwing some of the family out, while some of them landed beneath the auto. Several of the occupants were painfully bruised, but none of them were seriously injured.

We Go Afield

Providing the supply of natural gas for the 43 communities to which we wholesale it, means constant extension of the sources. Gas wells are uncertain things. Some of them last for years with steady flows. Others flow in considerable volume at first and quickly die out. Some fields play out quickly, and dependence on any one or two fields would be sure to disappoint our patrons.

Preparing for the Future

Therefore, we go afield for additional gas even at a time when we have more than enough to supply the needs. New territories are opened, wells drilled in new places, new pipe lines laid, and transportation facilities provided.

The supply of gas to this community is a matter too serious to be trifled with. The health and comfort of thousands of people are of too much importance to permit anything to be left to chance.

Under the responsibility we feel toward the people of Texas, we are constantly seeking new sources of gas, and bettering the facilities for delivery. Our service is as important to you as the commodity we sell.

ONE STAR GAS CO.
DALLAS, TEXAS

Wholesalers of Natural Gas

RHOME NEWS

L. C. Slimp was in Dallas last Sunday.

Grady Morris was a Fort Worth visitor last Sunday.

Mrs. Susie Shaw is visiting relatives in Waxahachie.

Chas. Hudnall made a business trip to Decatur last Friday.

Miss Opal Sparks was a Fort Worth visitor last Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Shaw and son, Arnold, spent Thursday in Decatur.

J. H. Troxell and daughter, Miss Gladys, were Fort Worth visitors last Saturday.

Miss Ann Bobo is spending the week in Decatur, guest of relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Car. Christian of Decatur, spent Sunday with Z. B. Bobo and family.

Mrs. Zora Brown is spending the summer vacation with relatives in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smallwood of Fort Worth, were guests of relatives last Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. George and daughter, Miss Nona, spent the fourth of July in Fort Worth.

Mrs. J. H. Dalton and daughters of Waxahachie, were guests of relatives here last week.

Miss Ollie Smith spent Sunday in Decatur, the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. A. Ferguson.

Mrs. J. C. Douglas was a guest last Sunday of her daughter, Mrs. Bert Dearman, in Fort Worth.

Chas. Sparks was called to Walters, Oklahoma, to the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Bill Stimpier, who is very ill.

Miss Inez Looney has returned home after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Nauglei of Saginaw.

Miss Jacobina Birch, Robert Gibson and Gene Ball of Decatur, were Sunday guests of Miss Merle Van Meter.

Mrs. R. N. Guantt has returned home from Fort Worth, after a few days' stay with her sister Mrs. Grover Wright.

Mrs. L. W. Renshaw and daughter, Miss Eula Mae, and Miss Zeta Morris spent Tuesday with Mrs. Edd Mecaskey near Decatur.

LONE STAR NEWS

Oliver Bowden is visiting home-folks this week.

Miss Lora Bell McCool was in Alvord Saturday shopping.

Whit Caldwell and Steve Wallace were in Alvord Saturday.

Walter Mowery was in Montague county Saturday in the interest of the picnic.

Ernie Thomas returned to his home here Wednesday after a visit to his aunt at Byers.

Little Miss Gladys Barton of Spring Lake is visiting her grandfather, G. F. McCool, and family.

Several of the young folks of this community attended the party Saturday night given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McNeely of the Elm community.

METHODIST CHURCH

All services at the regular hours next Sunday. At the morning hour the laymen will have charge of the services under the direction of Judge J. G. Gose, who will make the address. The evening services will be conducted by Bro. Shawver, who will preach. The pastor and family will be away about ten days, returning in time for the services the fourth Sunday. Bro. Shawver will have oversight of the work in the pastor's absence. Keep the revival in mind and don't forget to pray.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Following next Sunday the pastor will be away two Sundays, and he is anxious to have a full attendance of the members next Sunday. His last message before the beginning of the revival will be delivered at that time, and it is exceedingly important that the attention of every member be turned to this coming meeting.

The pastor will preach at both hours next Sunday.—R. E. BELL, Pastor.

Mrs. Blanche Caddell and daughter, Miss Leta Elsie, visited Bridgeport Wednesday.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF First State Bank at Slidell, Texas.

At Close of Business, June 30, 1922.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$ 25,078 12
Overdrafts.....	137 01
Real estate (bk'g house).....	750 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	935 00
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand.....	2,063 49
Interest on depositors' guaranty fund.....	1,090 72
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund.....	1,231 03
Total.....	\$ 31,285 37

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 10,000 00
Surplus fund.....	3,000 00
Undivided profits, net.....	234 31
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	10,006 14
Cashier's checks.....	53 45
Bills payable and rediscounts.....	7,990 00
Other liabilities.....	1 47
Total.....	\$ 31,285 37

State of Texas, county of Wise.

We, A. R. Drake, as vice-president, and S. B. Powell, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

—A. R. DRAKE Vice-President. S. B. POWELL, Cashier.

CORRECT Attest: J. W. BRYANT, J. H. HUGHES, E. L. BERRY, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of July, A. D. 1922.—A. C. ACKER, Notary Public in and for Wise County, Texas.

Alvord Country Strong for Sam M. Ward for County Judge

To the Citizenship of Wise County, Texas:

In the coming election, one of the important officers to be elected is that of County Judge, and we, citizens and voters of Alvord, Texas, present for your consideration the name of M. S. M. (Sam) Ward.

In presenting his name to you, we assure you of our loyalty to him in his race for this office; we are his neighbors, most of us having known him intimately for a number of years; he is a life-long Democrat, was one of the first to espouse the cause of President Wilson and his policies; during the recent World War he was ready to answer the call and was chairman of the Liberty Loan drives, and served credibly as chairman of the Red Cross. He has also sacrificed his business to serve the people of our little city and the county at large; having been Mayor for several terms, serving as local School Trustee for years and for the past several years as School Trustee for the county at large.

He is an upright Christian gentleman, a neighbor and friend of the truest type. He is clean in his habits, pleasant in his manner and properly equipped and competent to make Wise County a great judge. We are for him, and assure you that if you put your trust in him and he is elected, you will not be disappointed.

Jim B. Thomas
H. C. Raney
Oscar Killian
W. C. Sorrels
S. E. Hatchett
Mrs. S. E. Hatchett
O. B. Shipley
H. R. Berry
R. P. Malone
D. M. Speer
J. L. Barnes
W. A. Chappell
E. A. Taylor
Pearl Taylor
T. J. Putman
Frances Roberts
J. A. Anderson
Mrs. J. A. Anderson
W. C. Stone
N. W. Oliver
Mrs. N. W. Oliver
Guy Collins
J. W. Dodd
J. B. Blakeney
J. W. Glass
M. L. Evans
Mrs. Cora Speer
H. L. Proctor
E. C. Lester
L. M. Kuykendall
D. P. Everett
J. H. Dickey
G. D. Lancaster
W. J. Greenwood
T. W. Thorp
A. S. Nivens
Sam McDonald
G. C. Shaunt
I. N. Elrod
S. E. Denham
Mrs. S. E. Denham
J. S. Gregg
Oran Speer
W. C. Strange
W. L. Redwine
H. N. Nikirk
L. M. Nikirk
Allie Norwood
G. H. Redwine

W. M. O'Neal
W. M. Planery
Thos. J. Doss
R. H. Richardson
Mrs. Thos. J. Doss
W. W. Hanna
Mrs. R. L. Farmer
R. L. Farmer
C. J. Byrd
Mrs. C. J. Byrd
Whit Lancaster
Jack O'Neal
C. H. Balthrop
W. T. Alien
M. M. Brown
Mrs. Beulah Brown
J. H. Odle
L. N. O'Brien
E. D. Lancaster
L. B. Bryan
B. M. Kari
Roy H. Leslie
W. J. Praytor
W. L. Grissom
R. B. Monk
J. A. O'Neal
Frank Ray
J. B. Perkins
I. B. Williams
E. S. Yeary
R. T. Howard
Mrs. R. T. Howard
G. E. Leslie
Mrs. W. G. Barksdale
Mrs. Ernest Walker
Pearl Beard
Roy T. Magers
L. C. Edwards
I. R. Hamm
Ed McCanne
A. Y. Leslie
Mrs. A. Y. Leslie
F. E. Bowles
Guy C. Collins
W. A. Hanna
Ila Cooper
Verda Long
Mrs. G. A. Shankle
H. D. Raney

H. L. Porter
T. C. Pace
T. W. Thompson
W. E. Swaim
Mrs. W. E. Swaim
J. L. Swaim
A. N. Swaim
Mrs. E. M. Lyon
Mrs. Dr. Payne
C. W. C. Norwood
R. L. LeMay
Mrs. R. L. LeMay
G. F. Volkman
J. C. Casey
E. H. Smith
John Adams
R. H. Hobdy
Jno. R. Phillips
J. H. Walker
Mrs. J. H. Walker
Wm. Covington
Mrs. Wm. Covington
R. E. Taylor
W. C. Merrow
W. T. Orrell
N. G. Copeland
J. T. Arington
Otis Dabney
B. H. Griffith
John Dabney
Lloyd Covington
G. C. Malone
W. E. Vermillion
Mrs. W. E. Vermillion
Mrs. B. C. Schulkey
B. C. Schulkey
Mrs. J. R. Rhyne
J. R. Rhyne
G. B. Smith
Mrs. G. B. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Adcock
Wiley Jones
Mabel Jones
W. R. Auttenberry
Ruby Auttenberry
A. M. Stone, J. P.
Jno. A. Miller
J. H. Scott
Mrs. J. H. Scott

—This list of names is only a very small per cent of the citizens in this end of Wise county who endorse the candidacy of, and will vote for, Sam M. Ward, and this endorsement is given and herewith printed without any solicitation on his part.

(Political Advertisement)

Sam Culwell, T. J. Slover and M. L. Smith were here Monday from Bridgeport.

J. H. Stephens of Mount Pleasant (where they measure corn by the gallon instead of the bushel), is here visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. V. Patton. Mr. Stephens is not proud of the reputation of Titus county, but states that conditions are improving along the line of law enforcement there.

Eye glasses fitted; any broken part duplicated; satisfaction guaranteed; we know the business—fifteen years' experience. Sanders & Ingram.

President Hughes of the Decatur Community Improvement club, and a goodly number of his associates went to the tourist park yesterday and completed the task of placing the park in a first-class condition. Water and gas were piped to the grounds and a camp shack was erected for the convenience of tourists.

Manager C. H. Smith of the Hotel Greathouse will on September 1st accept a position as traveling salesman for the Cook Paint & Varnish Company of Kansas City. He wishes to lease the dining room of the hotel to some responsible party. Anyone interested should see Mr. Smith at once. Mrs. Smith will retain charge of the hotel rooms.

"Pug" Rutherford was here Sunday from Gainesville. "Pug" is now one of the mainstays of the pitching staff of the Gainesville baseball team. He is winning his games consistently and is also pounding the apple regularly. Bill Williamson, also of Greenwood, is doing the catching for the Gainesville team, and besides playing a good game behind the bat, is one of the heaviest hitters on the team.

If you have cleaning and pressing to be done, call Baits & St. Clair. They do the best of work and will call for and deliver your work promptly.

H. C. Van yesterday brought to this office a specimen of his crop of higeria, a grain of the mila variety, which Mr. Van recommends as being better adapted to this county than other feed crops, because it matures much earlier than milo maize, etc. He has been feeding from his crop for the past two weeks. He expects his crop to yield from fifty to sixty bushels per acre. Wise county must adapt the early feed crops to get full advantage of the early rains.

Postmaster Chas. Bradford states that considerable complaint has been made to him because young people and children have been opening mail boxes in the postoffice lobby and taking out mail and reading or destroying it. He states that this offense is a grave one and a conviction of same would draw a term in a federal prison. He warns one and all against tampering with the mails. A close watch is to be maintained to detect the guilty ones.

John Casey was here from Alvord yesterday.

A. Y. Leslie and Jim B. Thomas were in the city this week from Alvord.

Mrs. S. J. Tucker is visiting in Ryan, Oklahoma.

W. P. Wills of Memphis, Tennessee is visiting the family of W. M. Sanders.

Mrs. Marshall Reeves of Hobart, Oklahoma, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Lee McConnell of Clarksville, is the guest of her sister, Miss Ida Hasty.

Babies Love To Take It



WARE'S BABY POWDER

Is given to babies in liquid form mixed with sugar and water. Is absolutely harmless. Ware's Baby Powder formulated by Dr. James Ware, a famous Southern physician, relieves stomach and bowel troubles, summer complaints and teething troubles. Used for 40 years. At all drug stores 50 cents and \$1.00. Send for booklet. The Ware Chemical Co., Dallas, Tex.

for sale in Decatur by SANDERS & INGRAM

Local News

NEW TRAIN SCHEDULE OF FORT WORTH & DENVER.

NORTH BOUND
No. 7—12:21 a. m.
No. 5— 3:30 p. m.
No. 3—10:05 a. m.
No. 1—11:45 a. m.
SOUTH BOUND
No. 2— 5:01 p. m.
No. 4— 3:55 p. m.
No. 6— 9:40 a. m.
No. 8— 5:26 a. m.
All trains stop at Decatur.

J. U. Thompson was in Fort Worth yesterday.
Mrs. Gilbert Taylor is visiting in Crosbyton.
Mrs. H. M. Buttrill is visiting in Midlothian.
Miss Mildred Kerr has been visiting in Dallas.
Alfonso Man spent several days in Wichita Falls.
J. C. Thompson left yesterday for a stay in Cisco.
George Ray was here this week from Henrietta.
Rev. G. F. Boyd preached at Garvin last Sunday.
Mrs. C. P. Dodson is visiting relatives in Nocona.
See Alice Calhoun in "Rainbow" at Majestic tonight.
The summer school at the college closes tomorrow.
Mrs. P. J. Fullingim was Dallas visitor this week.
Miss Bess Coleman visited Fort Worth Wednesday.
Rev. J. H. Heathington was here from Chico Monday.
Mrs. C. H. Miller is spending the week in Fort Worth.
R. H. Miller and family are visiting homefolks this week.
Theodore Ponder of Dallas, is here visiting Robert Gibson.
A good crowd attended the Lone Star picnic Wednesday.
Mrs. T. L. St. Clair spent several days visiting in Denton.
B. R. Floyd was home from Mineral Wells several days.

Lee Morris and Mark Marshall of Chico, were here Monday.
Mat Davenport was here from Denton first of the week.
All hemstitching five cents per yard. Mrs. E. B. Melton.
Deputy Sheriff George Gage spent several days in Fort Worth.
Ted Williams of Wichita Falls, visited homefolks here Sunday.
All hemstitching five cents per yard at Mrs. E. B. Melton's.
Mrs. J. L. Maun has returned from a visit to points in Oklahoma.
Lon Sellars of Amarillo, visited his brother, J. L., here this week.
Showing the new fall draperies at Perkins-Timberlake Company.
Miss Louise Speer of Bowie, visited Miss Bettie Agness Workman.
C. P. Dodson left this week for a trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado.
Mrs. R. L. Blankenship and daughter, Miss Vallie, visited in Waco.
H. M. Smith is preparing to erect a new home on North Trinity street.
Editor Richardson of the Alford News, was a pleasant caller Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Harris have returned to their home in Archer City.
Hemstitching five cents a yard. Mrs. H. E. Brady at Mississippi store.
Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Wade left Wednesday for Lubbock to visit relatives.
State Game Commissioner, Walter Boyd, was here this week from Austin.
Editor Alex Whitehead of the Chico Review, was in the city Wednesday.
Wonderful patterns in the new fall draperies. Perkins-Timberlake Company.
If it's ice you want, stop at Dave Kerr's ice house. We have plenty of it.
The newest thing in draperies—priced right. Perkins-Timberlake Company.
John Scott and family left Monday for a tour of Alaska and the Western coast.
Congressman Guinn Williams and Alfred Brown are in Mineral Wells this week.
Melons and cantaloupes began coming into the Decatur market last Monday. The quality is good and the supply is plentiful, tho the price is high. The melon crop will be cut short if it does not rain soon.

Sheriff W. M. Malone and family left yesterday for a visit to relatives in Granberry.
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cotner of Ft. Worth, on Wednesday, July 6, 1922, a daughter.
Mrs. W. W. Williams has returned from a trip to Virginia. She later visited Texarkana.
Colonel J. W. Sullivan prominent attorney of Denton, was in the city Monday on business.
Mrs. Dana Benson and daughter of Bowie, have been visiting the family of J. I. McDaniel.
Misses Anita Patterson and Artie Mae Floyd are spending the week with friends in Electra.
Mr. and Mrs. Kelley Roach of Wichita Falls, were guests of Mrs. Brock Roach this week.
J. E. Addison of Andrews, spent several days here looking after his interests in Wise county.
Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield of Fort Worth, and L. M. Cobb of Ponder, were in the city yesterday.
Masters Byron and Lee Smyth of Fort Worth, are this week visiting the family of H. L. Jones.
Mrs. W. B. King and children of Fort Worth, have been the guests of the family of E. P. Gibson.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Standley and children have returned from a visit with relatives in East Texas.
Attorney Trabue Carswell of Brooklyn, New York, is here visiting his mother, Mrs. R. E. Carswell.
Hon. George Hopkins, former state senator, and prominent lawyer of Denton, was in the city Monday.
Don't fail to see the baseball game at the college park this afternoon. Decatur plays Bridgeport at 4 o'clock.
A city park, a clean town, new window draperies—hot dog—go in some. Perkins-Timberlake Company.
Embry Hoyl returned Sunday from a Fort Worth sanitarium. He is recovering nicely from a recent operation.
Misses Agness and Margaret Spencer of Dallas, returned to their home Tuesday after a visit to Mrs. W. C. Shults.
Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Harding of Wichita Falls, spent several days here with relatives.
Laundry basket leaves Hotel Great-house every Monday and Thursday. We solicit your bundle laundry. Work guaranteed. Prices reasonable.

Bring those dull scissors to Ros Shoemaker's barber shop, where they will be made good as new for twenty-five cents.
After being confined to his home for six weeks T. H. Greer is improving in health, and expects to be around town soon.
Mrs. Illa Stell and son, Pat, Miss Ruby Kincaid, Messrs. E. B. Styles and John Lark of Dallas, were Decatur visitors Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Wade Eskridge and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Eskridge of Hobart, Oklahoma, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.
Miss Esther Williams, after several days' visit with relatives here, returned to her studies in the Baptist sanitarium, Dallas, Tuesday.
Miss Wynell Henderson entertained a number of guests Tuesday night with a forty-two party in honor of Miss Faye Moore of Electra.
If you keep up with Decatur you will have to get some of the beautiful draperies for your windows at Perkins-Timberlake Company.
"The Flower of the North" is the big feature film at the Majestic next Wednesday and Thursday nights. A delightful story of the Northwest.
Miss Eva Joe Greer entertained a number of girl friends with a slumber party on Wednesday night in honor of Miss Ayileen Ferguson of Waco.
Miss Clara Bell Hooper, home demonstration agent for Wise county, leaves tonight for a leave of absence of several days. She will visit in Dallas.
The Majestic has a very interesting program for tonight, Friday. Alice Calhoun, the popular actress, stars in "Rainbow." You will enjoy the picture.
Revs. J. H. Heathington and Tom Doss were here Monday from Chico. These ministers are conducting a Baptist revival at Chico, which began last Sunday.
Quick-Kill Chigger Lotion kills the chigger, stops the itching, heals the bite. Sold and guaranteed by Sanders & Ingram, Decatur, Texas.
Mr. C. E. Manning and Miss Goldie Hall, two popular young people of Chico, were married in the court house Wednesday afternoon, Rev. J. W. Slagle officiating.
The next super-special at the Majestic will be James Oliver Curwood's "Flower of the North" on next Wednesday and Thursday nights. This is one of the most romantic and exciting plays of the year, and has been drawing great crowds in the cities.

Banking Interest Is Your Interest---

—Under the present banking laws, the banks of the United States are practically owned and controlled by all the people.

—Such a vital part have they come to occupy in our industrial and commercial life that the slightest thing affecting the banking interest is immediately felt, either directly or indirectly, by every man, woman and child in the country.

—Deposit here and secure all of the advantages of safety, soundness, and dependability.

The City National Bank

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Rev. Burnett opened a meeting last night on the lot east of the Mississippi store for the Assembly of God denomination. Good crowds are expected to attend. Rev. House of Bridgeport will assist in the meeting.

The different women's clubs of Decatur are arranging to make a city playground for the children at the tourists' park in South Decatur. The ladies are to furnish playground apparatus for the park, and otherwise beautify the spot.

Mr. J. C. Rogers returned Wednesday from Fort Worth, bringing with him his son, J. C., Jr., who recently underwent an operation in a sanitarium in that city for appendicitis. Mrs. Rogers came home first of the week. Messenger is glad to state that this splendid young man is getting along nicely.

Rev. G. W. Slagle and family leave today for a visit to Greenville and Sherman. They will be absent about ten days.

Watch Next Week's Issue of the Messenger

—ANNOUNCING OUR REGULAR—

Semi-Annual Clearance Sale

As you well know, it has been our policy for **TWENTY-FIVE YEARS** to have **2 REAL CLEAN UP SALES** each year. As heretofore, this will mean a **Great Saving** to you.

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WHY HAVE JURIES
IN TEXAS COURTS?

Why have juries, anyway? Recently at Beaumont, a judge decided the verdict in a case and told the jury that any members of it who disagreed with him would be fined and jailed.

Presumably the judge was not exceeding his power, but to the layman not versed in all the technicalities of the courts it appears all wrong.

The average man thinks a jury is empaneled to decide whether a man on trial is guilty or innocent, and regards official obstruction of the jury's decision as an infringement on the intent of the law. If the judge is to render the verdict, why empanel a jury?

The law and the courts are in disrepute in Texas because they are regarded merely as battlegrounds in which the combatants hurl technicalities back and forth, and the jury wanders in a maze of do this and don't do that, proposed by attorneys and approved by the judge.

Technicalities that interfere with justice should have no standing. Only this week, Wichita Falls convictions for the detestable form of theft known as forgery were dismissed because the grand jury which indicted the men were illegally drawn.

If the men were proven guilty, why should this interfere with their just punishment?

One of the first duties of the legislature or some other state body should be to clarify the law, so that the guilty may be punished and tricks of the lawyer's trade may not be permitted to prevent the punishment of felons.

Under present rules, justice is indeed blind. For at least, it seldom catches the guilty.—Ranger Times.

PLAN TO DECREASE
ACCIDENTS IN U. S.

It is welcome news that a national organization has been formed, with headquarters in New York City, having as its main objective popular education in ways and means of preventing accidents. Already education and the application of safety devices have done much to lessen the number of accidents in the field of industry. But the general accident toll remains as high as ever, and in some particulars is steadily rising.

Automobile accidents, for example, have increased tenfold during the past decade. And while it may be deemed not at all surprising that the rapidly increasing use of automobiles should be accompanied by an accident increase, the fact remains that most automobile accidents are eminently preventable.

In the main, to put it frankly, they are due to carelessness, absent-mindedness, ignorance, selfishness, recklessness and wilful neglect. These factors, it may be added, figure more largely in accident causation in general than most people suspect.

Even in the industrial field, it has been definitely established, the introduction of safety devices must be accompanied by systematic education of the workers if worth-while results are to be garnered. Some figures made public by a large steel corporation bear illuminatingly on this point.

The corporation was a pioneer in safety work. It made large expenditures in the installing of devices to protect against accidents, and it obtained a gratifying reduction in the accident rate among its employees.

But when it came to analyze this reduction it found that not more than seventeen and one-half per cent could be attributed to the mechanical appliances installed, as compared with twenty per cent attributable to the organization of safety committees and thirty per cent to education of the workers.

Similar results would doubtless be reported by other corporations were they likewise to analyze the factors of accident reduction in their plants, says an augmenting of knowledge, instilling of prudence, and an awakening of conscience count for most in the saving of life and limb.

Hence the wisdom of the new national society's decision to concentrate on anti-accident education of the public. As announced by its leaders, who include a number of well-known medical men in New York, Boston, and elsewhere:

"The society will study the mental, physical causes of all kinds of accidents and the various ways and means of avoiding them, and will spread this knowledge thru its members and thru the various channels of nation-wide publicity, including press, screen and radio." This, of course, means that the society takes it for granted that it will have the hearty co-operation of "the press, screen and radio." That it will have such co-operation there cannot, indeed, be a moment's doubt.

The New York Central Railroad is to begin an important work of improvement between Castleton and Lack on the Hudson, just below Poughkeepsie. It is to build a high-level viaduct across the river and make a yard for the classification of freight cars at Feura Bush on the western bank. Hitherto an eastbound freight train had to pass thru the city of Albany with its crowded yards, and all bound freight has had to climb the difficult grades just west of the city. The new yards and bridge will effect a considerable saving in the time of moving freight and a still greater saving in time. It is believed that the trip between New York or Boston and Chicago. The Castleton cut-off, if called, will probably be completed in two years.

UPID'S CAPERS

Manning and Miss Goldie
Alec and Miss Nan Plas.
Goodrum and Miss Lavonia
Kennedy and Miss Minnie
C. Elmore and Miss Mattie
Carr and Miss Lena Smith.

HERE IS A CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR
DOLLAR BUY TWO DOLLAR'S WORTH

WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF BARGAINS
THAT CANNOT BE MENTIONED HERE

JULY CLEARANCE SALE!

Started Friday, July 7th LILLARD'S MISSISSIPPI STORE

—This is but the beginning of the greatest Clearance Sale ever held in this section. The prices quoted here are only a starter, for we are not only clearing out all our own stock irrespective of the goods' cost, but we are also offering the clean-up stocks of several prominent manufacturers giving you the first of quality at less than wholesale cost.

—Read every word and price on this page for its money-saving message, including new goods at manufacturer's reductions.

COMPLETE CLEARANCE OF ALL SUMMERTIME DRESSES

—Quite a few styles to select from. It simply depends on your preference in fabrics. Many lovely colorings and so varied in models you can easily suit your taste—

Ten dresses in taffetas, georgette crepes and silk messaline, formerly priced at \$25.00 to \$32.50, your choice of the lot.....\$6.95

All our \$15.00 silk taffeta and crepe de chine dresses at.....\$9.95

All our \$25.00 crepe knit dresses go on sale at.....\$18.95

All our \$35.00 silk taffeta dresses on sale during July at.....\$22.45

ALL MILLINERY AT LESS THAN HALF PRICE

—This is a splendid opportunity to get the prettiest of any of our remaining millinery in summer's most pleasing styles at prices cut to the mere cost of materials—

All our \$12.50 and \$10.00 trimmed hats on sale at.....\$4.95

All our \$8.50 and \$7.50 trimmed hats go on sale at.....\$3.25

All our \$6.50 and \$5.00 trimmed hats go on sale at.....\$2.45

All our \$4.00 and \$3.50 trimmed hats go on sale at.....\$1.00

BEST GRADE GINGHAMS AT THE SMALLEST PRICE

—Here you will find all the favorite color combinations and plaid effects, in both light and dark, of the highest grade—but cut to lowest prices for quick clearance—one-half the regular price.

600 yards of fancy gingham, worth 20c a yard, clearance price.....10c

1500 yards of fancy gingham, worth 25c a yard, clearance price.....18c

2000 yards of fancy gingham, worth 35c a yard, clearance price.....23c

LADIES' OXFORDS

—One lot of ladies' oxfords, consisting of odds and ends, in the vici, calf, patent and white, priced formerly up to \$5.00 pair, clearance sale.....\$1.00

BATHING SUITS FOR MEN AND BOYS REDUCED

—In all the new shades and colorings in cotton, cotton-and-wool and all-wool numbers—

\$1.00 men's and boys' bathing suits, clearance sale price.....73c

\$2.50 men's and boys' bathing suits, all-wool, clearance sale.....\$1.98

\$3.50 men's and boys' bathing suits, splendid values, only.....\$2.98

MEN'S AND BOYS STRAW HATS

—All our new and up-to-date men's and boys' straw hats one-third off the regular price—

\$2.50 men's straw hats, July clearance sale price.....\$1.67

\$3.50 men's straw hats, July clearance sale price.....\$2.34

Job lot of men's dress straw hats, values up to \$5.00, choice now.....95c

A SALE OF OIL CLOTH

—Save your linens during the summer months by using these table oil cloths. They are cooler, more sanitary and save a lot of work in the laundry—

35c oil cloth in stripes, flowered and figured designs, per yard.....28c

Extra large size palm leaf fan, regular 10c value, only, each.....5c

Men's 35c hose supporters, assorted colors, clearance sale price.....23c

Men's 15c socks, black, brown and tan, clearance sale price.....10c

Men's 25c wash ties, assorted colors, clearance sale price.....19c

Men's 75c all-silk wash ties, assorted colors, clearance sale price.....43c

LADIES' PETTICOATS

All silk Jersey petticoats, regular \$5.00 values, July clearance.....\$3.98

One lot Heatherbloom petticoats, regular values, sale price.....\$1.83

One lot of ladies' pink and white sat-teen petticoats, regular \$1.75.....\$1.38

\$2.00 ladies' nainsook nightgowns, clearance sale price.....\$1.48

\$3.00 ladies' nainsook nightgowns, July clearance sale.....\$1.73

SPECIAL JULY CLEARANCE OF MEN'S PANTS

\$3.00 men's dress pants, our clearance sale price only.....\$2.45

\$3.50 men's dress pants, our clearance sale price only.....\$2.95

\$4.00 men's dress pants, our clearance sale price only.....\$3.15

\$4.50 men's dress pants, our clearance sale price only.....\$3.25

\$5.00 men's dress pants, our clearance sale price only.....\$3.85

\$7.50 men's dress pants, our clearance sale price only.....\$5.85

MEN'S SUMMER SUITS

Palm Beach and flannel suits, July clearance sale price.....\$4.85

Palm Beach and mohair suits, at July clearance sale.....\$9.45

\$35.00 Heldman & Company's suits, July clearance sale.....\$19.95

\$45.00 Heldman & Company's suits, July clearance sale.....\$24.95

LADIES TAILORED SUITS

—We have ten ladies' tailored suits. All are entirely new 1922 models; one-third off the regular price on the entire lot—

\$25.00 suits—your choice only...\$16.65

OVER 3000 YARDS OF RIBBON

—And every yard is yours at half-price and less. Plenty of hair ribbon, plenty of sash and dress ribbon and plenty of narrow widths—all at prices that mean big savings if bought now!

SLIPPERS AND OXFORDS

—One lot of ladies' straps and oxford slippers in the vici, patent and calf leather, regular \$4.00 and \$5.00 values, July clearance price...\$2.45

—We have made sweeping reductions on all our stock of new flapper straps and oxfords in the patent, combination straps and whites and offer you bargains that are bargains. Not a thing will be reserved. All are placed in this July clearance sale at cut prices.

Lillard's Mississippi Store

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